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ARA FOR AMBASSADOR VAKY, AMBASSADOR POPPER;

WHITE HOUSE - PHIL WISE; WHITE HOUSE ADVANCE OFFICE.
(ALL IMMEDIATE)

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SUBJECT: SIGNING CEREMONY FOR PANAMA CANAL TREATIES

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1. DELIVERED DRAFT OF PROPOSED DECLARATION OF
WASHINGTON TO ACTING FONMIN EARLY AFTERNOON SEPT. 2.
HE PROMISED TO TAKE IT IMMEDIATELY TO THE PRESIDENT
AND TRY TO HAVE SOME REACTION BY MORNING SEPTEMBER 3.

2. ACTING FONMIN SAID THAT PRESIDENT PEREZ WILL LAND
IN KINGSTON AT 0700 HOURS ON SEPTEMBER 7 TO PICK UP
PRIME MINISTER MANLEY. TAKE OFF FROM KINGSTON
EXPECTED AT 0730. ACTING FONMIN EXPLAINED THAT I
WAS THE FIRST PERSON AFTER HIM TO HEAR PRESIDENT'S DECISIONS
AND THAT FOLLOWING OUR CONVERSATION HE WOULD TRANSMIT
INSTRUCTIONS TO OTHER AGENCIES IN GOV.
CONSEQUENTLY, NO ESTIMATE OF ARRIVAL TIME AT ANDREWS
AIR FORCE BASE HAS YET BEEN MADE. PERHAPS USAF
COULD MAKE A ROUGH APPROXIMATION BEARING IN MIND THAT
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PRESIDENT'S AIRCRAFT IS A BOEING 737.

3. PRESIDENT PEREZ WILL FLY TO ANDREWS AFB ABOARD HIS
BOEING 737, VENEZUELAN AIR FORCE (FAV) TAIL NUMBER
0001. NO CREW BREAKDOWN YET AVAILABLE.

4. OFFICIAL PARTY CONSISTS OF PRESIDENT PEREZ AND

FONMIN CONSALVI ONLY. WIVES WILL NOT RPT NOT ACCOMPANY. PRESIDENT WILL ALSO BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS PERSONAL TRANSLATOR, GONZALO PLAZA AND A SMALL NUMBER OF SECURITY AND PERSONAL AIDES NOT YET IDENTIFIED. IN ADDITION, PRESIDENT INTENDS TO INVITE THE FOLLOWING VENEZUELAN NEWSMEN TO THE CEREMONY. THESE NEWSMEN ARE NOT RPT NOT MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL DELEGATION. APPARENTLY THEY WILL FLY TO WASHINGTON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 BY COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT. THE NEWSMEN PRESIDENT INTENDS TO INVITE ARE: OSCAR PALACIOS OF MORNING DAILY EL NACIONAL; TV PERSONALITIES AND PUBLISHERS OF WEEKLY NEWS MAGAZINE AUTENTICO, CARLOS AND SOFIA RANGEL; LUIS NUNEZ OF MORNING DAILY EL UNIVERSAL; MIGUEL ANGEL CAPRILES AND ARMANDO DE ARMAS, NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS; GUSTAVO CISNEROS OF TV CHANNEL 4; MARCEL GRANIER OF TV CHANNEL 2; PEDRO BERROETA OF TV CHANNEL 8; AND EVERETT BAUMAN, ASSOCIATE EDITOR OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY JOURNAL.

5. PRESIDENT PEREZ ACCEPTS WITH PLEASURE 1530 SEPTEMBER 7 BILATERAL WITH PRESIDENT CARTER.

6. PRESIDENT PEREZ ACCEPTS COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAS LUNCHEON INVITATION.

7. PRESIDENT PEREZ AND FONMIN WILL STAY AT VENEZUELAN CONFIDENTIAL

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AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE IN WASHINGTON.

8. ACTING FONMIN ALSO SAID THAT PRESIDENT PEREZ HAS ACCEPTED INVITATION FROM PERUVIAN PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ TO DISCUSS INTEGRATION. MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT PERUVIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. MESSAGE OF ACCEPTANCE TO MORALES BERMUDEZ BEING SENT BY GOV AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 2.

9. DURING DISCUSSION OF ORDER OF PRECEDENCE WITH ACTING FONMIN, HE EXPRESSED SOME PERSONAL MISGIVINGS THAT PRESIDENT PEREZ MIGHT END UP SITTING NEXT TO PRESIDENTS STROESSNER OR PINOCHET. HE NOTED THAT BECAUSE OF PRESIDENT PEREZ' MODERATING AND HELPFUL ROLE WITH RESPECT TO THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY, HE DESERVED TO BE SITTING A LITTLE CLOSER OR NEXT TO TORRIJOS AND PRESIDENT CARTER. I REPLIED THAT I WOULD PASS ON HIS OBSERVATIONS. ACTING FONMIN STRESSED THAT THESE WERE HIS PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS WHICH HE HAD NOT RPT NOT DISCUSSED WITH PRESIDENT. COMMENT: MY GUESS IS THAT THOSE ARE, IN FACT, A REFLECTION OF PRESIDENT PEREZ' UNEASE.

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